

Review/Approval for Expenditures over \$3000

Procurement Request Tracking number:
Description of Goods/Services: Initiation of Task order for ASPECT Data Collection Service for a West Fertilizer Plant Explosion Emergency Response
Estimated Cost: \$12,200
Why is this action Mission Critical? EPA is taking the lead to respond to the substantial threats to public health, welfare and the environment from the ammonia release and potential pesticide and herbicide release. Vast devastation throughout the small rural town of West (population of 2800). Multiple deaths have been reported along with multiple injuries. The town evacuated many residents. Governor has requested Federal Assistance from FEMA. The data collected by the ASPECT is needed for the health and safety of responders and community.
How are costs minimized? Utilizing EPA owned equipment instead of using third party vendors to minimize contract costs.
Are there other means to accomplish this task? No Explain: Limited state and local resources.
Impact if not approved: Non-approval of this action would likely result in exposure to ammonia, pesticides, and herbicides impacting public health and the environment and would hinder the response and cleanup activities.

I hereby certify that:

1. This procurement is mission critical; and
2. The expenditure of funds is necessary and reasonable

Reviewed/Approved by:

Division Director (or Acting)

(Date)

Concurred by:

ARA Management Division (or Acting)

(Date)